

BANKS WILL PAY
LARGE DIVIDENDS

Several Institutions Increase Rate Following Prosperous Year.

PUT MUCH MONEY INTO USE

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Over-tops All With Quarterly Payment.

Dividends by the various banks of Richmond to be paid out within the next ten days, will aggregate \$207,162, according to the announcements already published, while four banks are yet to make public their dividends. In several instances there are substantial increases in the rate of dividend, notably at the Merchants', Planters' and American banks. In every instance the banks report a most prosperous year, with especially noticeable increase in the savings departments.

What Banks Will Pay.

Institutions which have already announced their dividends are as follows:

First National—Capital, \$1,000,000; semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent.	\$50,000
Planters' National Bank—Capital, \$300,000; semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent.	27,000
National Bank of Virginia—Capital, \$500,000; semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.	15,000
National State Bank—Capital, \$500,000; semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent.	17,500
Merchants' National Bank—Capital, \$200,000; semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent.	20,000
City Bank—Capital, \$400,000; semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.	12,000
American Bank—Capital, \$400,000; quarterly dividend of 2 per cent.	8,000
Bank of Richmond—Capital, \$1,000,000; quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.	12,500
Union Bank—Capital, \$210,750; semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent.	17,500
Savings Bank of Richmond—Capital, \$200,000; semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent.	8,000
Commonwealth Bank—Capital, \$200,000; semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.	6,000
Grand total.	\$207,162

Many Increase Rate.

The Broad Street Bank does not declare its semi-annual dividend until February 1. No announcement has as yet been made by the West End Bank, the Bank of Commerce and Trust, and the Capital Savings Bank, the directors of which will probably act this week.

The Planters' National increases its semi-annual dividend of profits from 5 to 6 per cent. The Merchants' National increases its dividend from 4 to 5 per cent, and leads the list of Richmond banks in the amount of its dividend, although its capital is not so large as some others. The American National Bank, which pays its dividends quarterly, advances from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. The Union Bank pays 5 per cent, as against 4 and 7 in former years.

Chemical Overheadings All.

All the banks in Richmond, however, are overheadings. The Merchants' National made yesterday of the quarterly dividend of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, which will pay out 2 per cent on \$18,000,000 of preferred stock, the dividend amounting to \$360,000.

Another important dividend announced in the past few days is that of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent on \$1,000,000, making a payment of \$50,000. Other recent dividend announcements are: Commercial Guaranty Company, 3 1/2 per cent; the German-American Banking and Building Company, 3 per cent, and the Virginia Building and Loan Company, 3 per cent.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY

Many Falsely by Wardside and Then Land in

Richard Wafer, the negro who is alleged to have stabbed Punch Robinson at Poughkeepsie, was arrested yesterday morning by Police Officer Flannery.

Leon Green (colored) was arrested on a charge of being disorderly in the Richmond Hotel.

Ernest Johnson and Clarence Archer (colored) were arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Waverly Glover (colored) was arrested on a charge of cutting the hair of a woman.

Nelson Henry (colored) was arrested on a charge of firing a pistol in the street.

James Neal (colored) was arrested on a charge of being disorderly in a street car and threatening to cut T. P. Williams.

Edward Williams (colored) was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

COLLIDES WITH ENGINE

William Dolan Hurt as Motor Car Ran Into

On Saturday morning, December 25, an automobile containing Mr. A. J. Raynes, William Dolan, C. Spitzer and L. R. Wresley collided early yesterday morning with a street car on the corner of Broad and Potomac highways, injuring Mr. Dolan and badly wrecking the motor car.

The accident occurred at Franklin Street as the engine, which was attached only to its tender, was going south and the motor car going east. The car struck the engine in the rear and was practically wrecked to pieces and put out of commission.

Mr. Dolan's injuries were slight, and he afterwards went to the City Hospital, where he had his cuts sewn up.

GIFT TO MR. WALLERSTEIN

Five Firms Present "Napoleon of Real Estate Field" With Silver Service.

Five well-known real estate firms yesterday presented Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Wallerstein with a handsome six-piece silver service, in recognition of Mr. Wallerstein's activity in the real estate field. The gift was presented to the couple yesterday afternoon at the Napoleon of the real estate business in Richmond, and the gift was simply a small token of our warm appreciation.

The firms making the gift were Polard & Bagby, Vaughan & Williams, Blount, Purcell, Green & Redd, and A. D. Carnell & Son.

THE SECOND SNOW

Depth Reaches Two Inches, But Soon

Melts and Changes to Sleet. Snow

Richmond was visited by the fall beginning at 5 o'clock and continuing

intermittently until 11 o'clock. Before

midday the snow had attained a depth

of at least a couple of inches, but it

soon began to melt, and the streets

and sidewalks were covered with a

disagreeable slush, which was hard

on all kinds of traffic. After the first

fall there came a lull, which again

turned into snow. At night, however, the

moon and stars appeared, and the

weather became a little warmer.

CHRISTMAS DAY
IN POLICE COURT

Mallory, Who Struck Detective-Sergeant Wiley, Given Twenty-Dollar Fine.

SPENT NIGHT IN STATION

Usual Assortment of Holiday Drunks Pay for Too Much Celebration.

Justice Crutchfield had the usual list of Christmas drunks before him yesterday morning, and several cases of assault, due, in great measure, to inebriation and the season's spirit.

W. T. Mallory, who struck Detective-Sergeant Wiley in the head with a tin horn Friday night as the officer, Mr. Officer Wiley was doing duty in handling the crowds on Broad Street, was fined \$20.

Mallory, it is said, was creating a great deal of unnecessary disturbance on the street, and Sergeant Wiley remonstrated with him. As the officer spoke, Mallory stepped back and struck him heavily on the back, the latter falling on the detective's hat. Mallory then took to his heels, and Sergeant Wiley and Officer Toler started in pursuit. The young man ran about two blocks, when Officer Toler tripped him.

Mallory was taken to the Second Police Station, where he spent the night—an unpleasant ending to his Christmas festivities.

General Valentine, colored, charged with interfering with Officer Werner, was fined \$10 and placed under \$100 surety for thirty days.

W. T. Neal, colored, was fined \$20 for running a gambling house. Marcello Brown was fined \$50 and placed under \$100 surety for ninety days for being disorderly and shooting a pistol at some unknown person.

John Kent, colored, charged with recklessly driving over a blind man in the street, was fined \$20 and placed under \$100 surety for sixty days.

William Moseley was fined \$20 for assault upon David Dawson.

Louis Bates, colored, and J. S. Woodson were fined \$100 and placed under \$100 surety for twelve months for carrying concealed weapons.

Barton Brown, colored, was sent on to the grand jury on a charge of assaulting Clarence Gentry with a knife.

Charles Morton, colored, was fined \$50 for shooting a pistol in the street.

FEW BONFIRES, BUT PLENTY OF FIREWORKS

Despite the slushy condition of the

streets yesterday, fireworks were not

forbidden, and from windows and door-

ways poured streams of red fire and

the scintillations of gunpowder. The

night fell, the ammunition that Santa

Claus had brought was used up in

great style.

There was a small bonfire might

be seen, tended by a group of wet but

cheerful little citizens of the side

streets. The big bonfires of the

West End, though, were not repeated,

for it was too wet for much fire, fuel

was too damp, and the enthusiasm of

the former bonfire-freuds was damp.

"Are You a Suffragette?"

At the Academy of Music yesterday

was presented for the first time "Are

You a Suffragette?" a comedy in three

acts, by Frederic Arnold Kummer. The

play is a gentle satire on the "Votes

for Women" movement, and is modern

in every word and line.

Kate Hathaway is an ardent advo-

cate of woman's suffrage, devotes all

of her time to making speeches and

attending meetings, neglecting her

home and her husband, until she finds

that she is about to lose her home.

Her husband, however, has lost his

interest in a well-dressed, thoroughly

feminine woman who is visiting her,

and who tries to make him comfortable

in his home. When she finds out

how serious the affair is becoming, she

discards her practical shoes, fixes her

hair becomingly, dresses herself in

the style of the day after to-morrow,

and goes to work to regain his admi-

ration and love, realizing, as she says,

that "a man may admire character in

a woman, but it's got to be dressed—

it's got to be dressed." It ends hap-

pily, and concludes with the curtain

falling on the words: "The play is

over, and the ladies are to be given a

vote to be given her, but when she

does vote it will be in a picture hat

and high-heeled shoes.

The piece is clean, bright and wit-

ty, and, after a little judicious cut-

ting and altering, should be success-

ful.

Florence Davis, as Kate Hathaway,

was attractive and convincing in a

part calling for clever and skilful ac-

ting. Her dressing scene was as dainty

a bit of work as one often sees, and

her clear-cut, unassuming, sent her

light. Mihierva Florence, as Honora

Granby, was the militant suffragette

to the last cry; her work was thor-

oughly good. The rest of the com-

pany were hardly up to these two, but

they didn't much to do.

I liked the play very much, which

doesn't matter, but the audiences "ate

it," and that does matter.

W. D. G.

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